

Air Quality Improvement Ideas For Georgetown County

Strategies for Local Government

1) Employee Education

- Assign Ozone Action Coordinators (Holley Causey & Amy McCutcheon)
- Encourage employees to be ozone friendly during the new employee orientation
- Distribute informational flyers to county employees concerning ozone issues and helpful individual actions
- Place articles concerning ozone issues in the Georgetown County Department Newsletter
- E-mail county employee alerts for Ozone Action Days
- Include information on ozone awareness on County Website

2) Operations and Maintenance Activities

- Postpone vehicle refueling until the evening during ozone season. In particular, Mosquito Control will have the night shift refuel their vehicles.
- Encourage employees to not “top off” the tank during refueling
- County employees should carpool to attend lunch and meetings
- Institute the following energy conservation measures in county buildings: turn off lights and computers daily, have facility services audit existing buildings to make them more energy efficient, use Green Power when available.
- Tree planting/landscaping standards for county offices
- Limit vehicle idling time through employee education. Also place a sign at landfill scalehouse to encourage haulers to shut off engines if they expect a long delay.
- ? Develop bike trail system in county.
- ? Implement traffic signal synchronization schedule.
- Encourage First Vehicle Services to implement a smoking vehicle program (requiring reports and repairs). Also, conduct leaking gas cap checks.
- Implement reduction of idle or no idle policy.
- ? Install vehicle monitoring system to reduce trips and idling in county vehicles.
- ? Purchase of alternative fuel/hybrid vehicles.
- ? Develop energy element in comprehensive plan.

3) Employee Actions

- Encourage employees to use alternatives for commute (i.e. carpool)
- Encourage brown bag lunches or ordering in

4) Educating Local Residents

- Educate citizens through the distribution of flyers and informational brochures.
- Include air quality lessons as part of Environmental Education Center's Curriculum.
- Post ozone awareness information on county website

5) County Ordinance

- Prohibit/limit/ban open burning during the ozone season.